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SOVIET PRODUCTION OF COTTON GROWING MACHINERY

PARTS PLANT FALLS SHORT OF PLAN -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 2 Jul 53

The Tashkent Avtotraktorodetal' Plant, Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Procurement Uzbek SSR, produced only eight of the 13 products planned for April, and only six of the ten products planned for May. Poor planning and the failure to provide the proper accessories, tools, and materials are responsible for these failures. Shayevich, director of the plant, and Geller, chief engineer, hold daily planning conferences with shop chiefs instead of insisting that Margunis, chief of the Planning Division, do his job correctly.

The plant was assigned to produce brackets for the KDR [cultivating?] machine in May, but because the management failed to schedule work properly, the shops were unable to produce a single part in the first 20 days of the month. Because of defective accessories, the machine shop was unable to turn out parts for the KDR-202 bracket until the final 10-day period of the month. As a result, the assembly shop produced only a third of the 150 brackets planned for May.

In June, the Planning Division assigned work schedules for SKM-48 cotton picker parts to the main shops, but neglected to send assignments to the auxiliary shops. Because the tool shop was unprepared to supply the needed tools, the forge shop lacked dies and the machine shop lacked accessories to produce cotton picker parts.

Almost 80 percent of the plant's output is turned out in the final 10-day period of each month. The May plan was fulfilled only 72 percent, and only 85 percent of the plant's equipment was utilized during that month. In May, a shop hurriedly turned out 70 percent of the month's assignment of STG-NATI piston rings in the final 10-day period of the month. The inspectors from the Division of Technical Control did not have time to check the rings after each operation, and as a result, 500 piston rings were rejected at final inspection.

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SET UP PAINTING CONVEYER -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 6 Jun 53

The Tashkent Tashsel'mash Plant imeni K. Ye. Voroshilov has set up a conveyer line for painting parts of agricultural machines. The parts are first dipped in a tank containing primer, dried in an oven, dipped in the final coat, and then dried in another oven.

The new method saves 11.5 percent on paints and enamels. The method is 6.5 times as productive as hand painting and 2.1 times as productive as spraying.

Installation of an impeller pump in the tank containing primer prevents sedimentation and will save 6 tons of primer yearly.

The plant's Bureau of Mechanization is now working on a variable speed control device for the painting conveyer.

SHIPS COTTON PICKERS -- Moscow, Trud, 31 May 53

The Tashsel'mash Plant imeni K. Ye. Voroshilov recently shipped improved SKhM-48-M cotton pickers to Armenia, Azerbaydzhan, Turkmenia, and Kazakhstan.

MAKES COTTON CLEANING MACHINERY -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 5 Jul 53

The Andizhan Avtotraktorodetal' Plant makes blowers, worm conveyer cotton cleaners, and reduction gears for cotton cleaning plants.

BUILD NEW COTTON CULTIVATOR -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 27 May 53

The Chirchiksel'mash Plant has turned out the first group of new NKU-2.8 cotton cultivators. The new highly productive unit carries out three operations: cultivates between rows, loosens the soil in the cotton rows, and deposits fertilizers at the required depth.

The first shipment of NKU-2.8 cultivators has been sent to MTS and sov-khozes of the Uzbek SSR.

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